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been built for the storage of corn, the produce of fields at a distance from the farmstead. Somehow it had ceased to be needed for that purpose; so its owner turned it into a dwelling-house, and as such it was now occupied by the afore-said strange man. It was divided into three apartments on the ground-floor, one of which, a very large one, was set apart and used as a kind of museum, its occupant being a stuffer of bird and small quadrupeds. When he had no work of this sort for other persons, he worked for stocks, and this large room

was his warehouse. He was a man of ill-temper and loose habits, and for some time had borne a habits, and for some time had borne a dubious character. When people were asked why he was suspected, they could not give a satisfactory reply. "He lives," they would say, "without doing work equal to his expenditure, which looks bad." As I got to know him, I found that he had an unamiable temperature and at times. per; was morose, sour, and at times passionate. He was also fond of display, given to betting, and, like all such, led a loose, uneven life, oftener loitering about than at work. So I did not wonder that well meaning people did not like him.

Lord Admiral. As we became acquainted, he invited me to look over his collection of birds and quadrupeds. I was pleased with what I saw. He had, indeed, a good collection, and, as well as I could judge, had done his work well. He had also a good assortment of butterflies and moths; and, in a corner, close to the ceiling, had what he called a butterfly breeding, box which he said a butterfly breeding-box, which he said

mals which differed from the rest. One was a beautiful dog, and the other a lusus nature—a lamb with the rudinents of a fifth leg, and some other abnormal characteristic which I have forgotten. The old man said he had stuffed both for their original owners, who had somehow failed to take them away. They were placed at one end of the room, one in each corner, away from the middle of the room, one in each corner, away from the middle of the room, one in each corner, away from the middle of the room, one in each corner, away from the middle of the room, one in each corner, away from the middle of the room, one in each corner, away from the middle of the room, one in each corner, away from the middle of the room, one in each corner, away from the middle of the room, one in each corner, away from the middle of the room, one in each corner, away from the middle of the room, one in each corner, away from the middle of the room, one in each corner, away from the middle of the room, one in each corner, away from the middle of the room, one in each corner, away from the middle of the room, one in each corner, away from the middle of the room, one in each corner, away from the middle of the room, one in each corner, away from the middle of the room of the r room, one in each corner, away from the window, and close to the wall, where, except in strong daylight, they could not be easily seen. The connection of these particulars with my story will be seen in

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I had been in the village about six weeks, when the neighborhood was aroused and alarmed one morning by the report of the robbery of a jeweler's shop in the market-town already referred to, that had been effected during the property had been effected during the property had been effected during the property had been taken. This robbery had been effected in such a way as led to the belief that a gang of practiced thieres had done it. The prevailing question was, "Do the robbers live among us, or have they come from a distance?" This query was still going from mouth to mouth when we were starriled, astounded indeed, by the such as a second visit to the jeweler's, as such an activative the robbers pay so soon a second visit to the jeweler's, as such an activative to the jeweler's and the jeweler's and the jeweler's as the jeweler's as the jeweler's as the jeweler's and the jeweler's as the jeweler's as the jeweler's as the jeweler's as th

fore the gardener was made happy.

Shortly afterward we had an addition to our company by the incoming of the old bird-stuffer whom I shall henceforth call the naturalist, as this designation was the one which pleased him, his

say, "All's right," they settled down and called for a glass of rum apiece.

By this time the gardener had finished his dinner, when, putting his arms on the table and his head on his arms, he fell, or seemed to fall, asleep. The rain, which continued to come down, compelled me still to abide under cover; so, the sing my obsir in a corner, and that the game ion was the chief, being a sergeant of police. He led the way to the museum, and was first to enter. "Good-morning, old friend," he said, or encountering the naturalist. "I've come to take away a few more parcels of your cheap provisions."

I saw that the old gardener was detected in the speaker, and that the game

pelled me still to abide under cover; so, placing my chair in a corner, and putting my head against the wall, I tried to get a nap also. The naturalist and his companions were now the only persons in the room besides the gardener and me.

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was the name of the dog, and "Wonder" that of the lamb, in the museum
before spoken of; and the other terms,
I judged, referred to the materials with
which they were stuffed; but I could
not see why they should speak in so low
a tone as they did when they spoke of
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We went into the museum. The first
thing the old gardener—as I shall still
call him—did was to take hold of
"Bruce," while he desired one of his
comrades to lay hold of "Wonder."
On moving them, a noise of loose metal
was heard. A moment's examination
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son the butterfly-breeder, and two other men whom I had not yet seen. These—the strangers—first looked hard at had not looked for. Up the road were a the company; but the naturalist, giving them a significant nod, which seemed to ion was the chief, being a sergeant of

pointing to the door, and meaning, I

feathers over the crop, a small hole was seen, out of which rolled, when the bird was shaken, a number of trinkets.

Nearly all the proceeds of the two robberies of the jeweler were recovered, one watch and a few guards only being absent. And some of the property of the provision dealer was also found stowed in the breeding-box, though most of it had been used or sold. I induced to assume the character which he had so well enacted, entirely on speculation. While making a survey of the neighborhood, a few days before he began to play his part, he had observed the backward state of the landlord's cardian and balasing that he made to the road two fremen were badly hurt by falling debris.

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River. The murder was discovered the next day, when two negroes were arrested. These confessed, implicating two others. A large crowd of whites and blacks assembled on the following day, Sunday, and decided to hang the two murderers, which was done forthwith. They displayed a sullen indifference, and asked no mercy. The two others implicated had not been arrested at latest accounts.

The steamer Boru-sia, which left Liverpool, Nov. 29, for New Orleans, with 234 perpension and crown on heard reasonages officers and crown in the success somewhat of the success somewhat

long been a receiver of stolen property, and his son, whose first burglaries these and his son, whose first burglaries these were, got each five years' penal servitude; one of the other med—who came from a distant town, and were old hands—was likewise convicted and punished; but the fourth, for some forgotten reamon set off. My friend came in for the passengers with a number of the crew were placed in boats and upon rafts, and of these only one from a distant town, and were old hands
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good reward offered in this case; and
for the part which I had taken in the
affair the jeweler gave me a gold pencilholder, which I treasure as a memento.
—English Magazine.

A BOOK agent has been murdered in Mississippi, and a sewing-machine agent was recently slaughtered in Michigan. There! Who says there is so unity of sentiment between the North and South? N. Y. Graphic.

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on Christmas Day, caused by the attempted removal of arms and ammunition from the State Arsenal in that city to Augusta, the Capital, by order of Governor Garcelon. Two Capital, by order of Governor Garcelon. Two drays, loaded with war material, were stopped by the crowd on the way to the railturn to the Arsenal.

Irwin Russell, a well known dialect writer,

whose contributions have frequently ap-peared in Scribner's Monthly, died quite suddenly in New Orleans on the night of the 25d, under most distressing circumstances. He was penniless, it is said, and died among crangers. He was a native of Port Gibson, Miss., and only about 28 years of age. General Grant visited by General Grant visited his aged mother at Jersey City, N. J., on the 24th, returning to Philadelphia on the same day. He took his Christmas dinner with George W. Childs.

The Secretary of the Interior has rendered The Secretary of the Interior has rendered a decision that, whenever, prior to patenting, it is discovered that land previously offered and entered as agricultural is really mineral in its character, the entry must be might of the 21st. Loss about \$10,000. On the same night the extensive brewery, maltcanceled and the land reserved for the entry

By-and-by the weather took up, when the men, draining their glasses, got up and went away. The moment they were But I was most taken up with two animals which differed from the rest. One memorandum-book out of his pocket, and began to write therein. He then ty. Edison asserts that the electricity requisite to supply one burner during the museum revealed other and as singular hiding-places: for example, a game-cock was found put out of sight; on taking hold of it, a noise of clinking metal was heard; on lifting up the 24 hours.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES. Seymour G. Stone, proprietor of a shoddymill at Bennington, Vt., lost his life by the burning of his mill on the 20th. Mrs. Sto

scarcely need say that the parcel sold to the gardener was a part of it, and had to do with the detection. My friend the Four of them were severely injured by jumpsergeant informed me that he had been | ing from the windows, and two firemen were

garden; and believing that he would River. The murder was discovered the

ons on board, passengers, officers and crew, boats and upon rafts, and of these only one boatful, nine in all, had been heard from. These were picked up and landed at Queenstown, Dec. 20. It is their opinion that all the rest of the passengers and crew have been lost. The Captain and most of the crew remained with the vessel, which is believed to have gone down on the same night the boats left, as her lights suddenly disappeared from their view.

Matthew Gleason's house at Ayerstown, N. J., burned on the night of the 22d and his three children perished in the flames.

At a Christmas-tree festival in the M. E.

At Farge, D. T., on Christmas Day, the thermometer registered 52 deg, below zero; at Pembina the Government thermometer

bir ring of his mill on the 20th. Mrs. Stone is crazed with grief at her husband's terrible death.

The large corset and suspender factory of West, Bradley & Cary, on West Twentyninth Street, New York, burned on the night of the 22d. Twenty women were in the building and barely escaped with their lives.

A dispatch from Los Plaos, Colo., 25th, says: Ouray and the chiefs selected to go to Washington came to the Agency yesterday, bringing with them only a part of the prisoners. Gen. Hatch refused to go unless all the prisoners demanded by the Commission were surrenderd. Ouray asked for further time, and five days more were granted him to deliver them at Cline's Ranch, 30 miles from here on the road to Alamosa, at which place Gen. Hatch will wait their coming. Ouray is either playing a double game or is unable to accomplish the success of which the Commission are somewhat doubtful, and believe the Army will yet be called upon to settle the Ute

FIFTEEN-TON loads of lumber, piled on immense eight-wheeled wagons and drawn by teams of six to ten horses or mules, are to be seen on the mountain roads in California. The driver sits on a very high seat with one foot on a powerful brake, and usually handles the reins and a long whip with seeming carelessness. The San Francisco Argus, carelessness. The San Francisco Argus, however, pictures him at a more exciting juncture: "Let a scare take place; let a herd of runaway cattle appear at a bend and set the horses wild, and then see what will happen. The day-dreamer will become a giant of strength; he is up in a flash; he shortens his hold upon the reins, and feeling his wagon start up beneath him, places a foot of iron on the brake. The horses snort and rear and surge; the harness rattles, the dust arises, the load shrieks again, and the huge wheels turn fatally faster and faster. An instant may hurl the wagon down into the valley with its struggling train—a mad rush to the other side of the way may end all in one horrible plunge. Muscle, eye, brain, skill are then brought to work so splendidly together on, who knows not the way of the land, regards the teamster with profound re-

The steambout Wangle Baker, itsel arrived to the water's edge on the 20th of the 20th tures accordingly take in the oxygen by great inhalation, and absorb it in their lungs, where it passes through the thin membrane of the capillaries, or very tiny blood vessels, and so mixes freely with the blood itself. Thus we have food, supplied to the blood by the stomach, the exact analogue of the coal in She had no children, snd died in De-cember, 1828, just after her husband was elected President.—Forncy's Prog-

the engine; and oxygen supplied to the blood by the lungs, the exact ana-logue of the draft in the engine. When-ever these two substances—the hydro-carbonaceous foods and the free oxygen

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votes a page to Edison's triumph in electric llumination, giving a full and accurate account of his work from its inception to its completion, with illustrative diagrams. The Heraid says:

The first public exhibition of Edison's long-looked for electric light takes place New Year's evening at Menlo Park, on which occasion that place will be illuminated with the new light. The new light, incredible as it may appear, is produced from a little piece of paper—a tiny strip of paper that a breath would blow away. Through this little strip of paper is passed an electric current, and the result is a bright, beautiful, mellow light. "But the paper instantly burns even under the trifling heat of a tailow candle," exclaims the keptic, "and how, then, can it withstand the flerce heat of an electric current.

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THE latest product to which California soil has been found well adapted is opium, of which a superb quality, much superior to the opium of commerce, has been raised in the Sonoma Valley. The only obstacle to its cultivation is the fact that labor costs more than in the Orient, but that is offset by the better quality of the domestic article, and the absence of heavy duties. There seems to be hardly any product of the earth that can not be raised in some part of the Golden State. Tea, some part of the Golden State. Tea, figs, oranges, lemons, bananas, olives, dates, even the cinchona tree and poppy plant grow there along with the fruits and vegetables of temperate climes.

An impecunious young man started afoot from San Luis Obispo to Soledad, in California. Getting fatigued and desperate, he resolved to become a high-wayman. He had no weapon, and was physically insignificant; but strategy more than made up for these lacks. He built a fire in the woods near the road, to give the impression that a party was camped there, put his hat and coat on a log to represent a second man, and a log to represent a second man, and when a stage came along shouted:
"Throw out that box, or you are a dead man." The driver dropped the treasure-box, which contained \$320, and was

occusioned by these robberies were great and widespread and with an an and widespread and with an an analysis and white as enow, has been discount for the condition imposed; but my companion was set up regards the teamster with profound respect the earnst and the gardener and an analysis and white as enow, has been discount for the condition imposed; but my companion was set up regards the teamster with profound respect the earnst and the gardener and of \$40,000. It is made like the with loose cotton. In some manner the cotton caught fire and young Lynn was very will.

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the latter was for a number of years Secretary of the Senate.

On Thursday the Cabinet families and many of the gentlemen and ladies of the diplomatic corps called on the families of Senators. Among those who received were Mrs. Randolph of New Jersey (Miss Randolph will not come until next week, as she is to attend the wedding of a cousin at Yonkers, N. Y., on the 9th); Mrs. Morrill of Vermont, and her sister, Miss Swann, and Mrs. George H. Pendleton and her daughters. This last family has been most cordially welcomed here, for Mrs. Pendleton, when welcomed here, for Mrs. Pendleton, when Miss Alice Key, was a belle in Washington, and was also very popular when her husband was in Congress before the war.—Miss Grundy, to Philadelphia Times.

Tea planting has made a start in Placer County. L. A. Gould, who has shipped so much ripe fruit eastward, has a number of tea bushes growing, and he has two neighbors following his example. They mean business. The plants show vigorous growth. Soon the foot-hills thereabout will be dotted with tea gardens along a line of 300 miles, and it is no strain of prophecy to say that within five years we shall have machinery to make tea that will excel China and Japan, and it is not improbable we may pick the leaves by apropriate instruments. Whatever we do, Virginia and Maryland can do on the Blue mountain slopes.—Cor. Baltimore Sun.

The Sandusky Register, in its annual review of the vineyard production of Northern Ohio, says that of the million and a half gallons of wine that was made there this season, less than a million gallons of grape juice was used. It adds that dealers make no secret of the fact that they use spirits, sugar and water largely in the production of wine, and claim that this is done, not so much to make money as to suit the taste of their patrons, who prefer the adulterased product to the pure article.

An English woman, now in New York City, has ordered at Tiffany's a bangle